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1. On Marshal Tito's initiative a "final attempt" was made during October to reach a settlement with Moscow. The attempt failed completely and Edvard Kardelj informed his colleagues about mid-November that there was now no prospect of an early understanding with the Soviet Union.
2. Among Tito's closest advisers, Milovan Djilas holds the strongest anti-Soviet views and is now working to rally the Yugoslav Communist Party opinion against the Soviet in support of Tito. Kardelj, while completely loyal to Tito, is more moderate and would prefer if possible to avoid "irrevocable acts" which would finally close the door to negotiation.
3. Tito himself, while favoring reorientation of policy towards the West, fears the effect this would have on the loyalty of the Yugoslav Communist Party as a whole and dares not make any concrete move until he is quite sure of carrying the majority.
4. There is some doubt in higher Party circles regarding Ales Bebler who is suspected of pro-Moscow leanings.
5. Small groups of senior General Staff and UDB officers have recently met in secret to consider the attitude they should adopt. Decisions were taken affirming complete loyalty to Tito. Nevertheless, there is a growing sense of insecurity and mutual suspicion among large numbers of senior officials, including the UDB and General Staff.
6. A number of senior officers from the Federal UDB Headquarters in Belgrade have been dispatched during the last two weeks on undisclosed missions to various parts of the country.
7. It is also reported that Professor Markovic, a leading Communist at Belgrade University, was recently arrested for "Cominform activities" and more University students have been arrested during the past two weeks following the distribution in student circles of pro-Cominform leaflets. The staff of the Soviet Embassy at Belgrade has been increased by an unspecified number of officials who arrived with their families from the Soviet Union on or about 15 November.

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